

Educational Exchange

“Educational exchanges are not a luxury – reserved for the few or pushed aside when other challenges preoccupy us. They are a matter of the national interest. While our nation properly continues the fight against terrorism, we also must develop a policy of educational diplomacy. It can be a key catalyst for a more peaceful world.” - *Former*

*U.S. Secretary of Education
Richard W. Riley*

Today's global challenge demands international competence. Americans who study abroad, participate in scholarly exchange programs, or study foreign regions and languages are far better prepared for the demands of the 21st century. “The level of Americans' global skills and understanding will in large measure determine our ability to manage international conflict, promote peace, and exercise leadership in the 21st century.”

We must do more to:

- Increase opportunities for all American students to study abroad.
- Promote ethnic, socio-economic, and gender diversity through study-abroad participation.
- Integrate international, foreign language, and area studies into Idaho curriculum.
- Invigorate outbound student and teacher exchange programs.

**An Intercultural Education Guide / Student Exchange Policy Manual is available online at <http://www.sde.state.id.us/instructional/international.asp>.*



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Outbound Exchange Student

Credit Recovery and Advancement

Idaho Digital Learning
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The Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) is a statewide, web-based educational program set up within the Idaho State Department of Education to provide Idaho students with greater access to a diverse assortment of courses. This virtual high school was created to address the educational needs of all Idaho students: traditional, home schooled, at-risk, gifted, and adult learners.

By taking an accredited high school course through IDLA, you can experience online learning and attend class when it is most convenient for you. One or more of the following may also be a benefit if you participate in an outbound student exchange program:

- Make up lost credit
- Amend a scheduling conflict
- Earn concurrent college credit
- Maintain your academic class level while studying abroad
- Take a class not available on your campus.

For a complete list of IDLA course offerings:

Contact the IDLA

Website: <http://idla.k12.id.us>

Email: idla@idla.k12.id.us

Phone: 208/ 342-0207

Some of the available courses:

Sophomore Course Offerings

- English 10A; English 10B
- Biology 1A; Biology 1B; Earth Science A; Earth Science B
- Health; Life Fitness
- Algebra 1A; Algebra 1B
- World History A; World History B; US History 10A; US History 10B; Psychology
- Spanish 1A; Spanish 1B; Intro to Languages: German, Spanish, and Chinese

Junior Course Offerings

- English 11A; English 11B
- Chemistry A;
- Project Civic Learning; Service Learning
- US History 11A; US History 11B; US History A - Advanced Placement; US History B - Advanced Placement; Psychology
- International Business

Senior Course Offerings

- English 12A; English 12B; English 12 A - Advanced Placement; English 12 B - Advanced Placement; College Credit English 101 and 102
- American Government 12A; American Government 12B; Economics; Psychology; College credit Economics
- Calculus A; Calculus B; AP & College Credit Calculus
- International Business
- Spanish 1A; Spanish 1B; Spanish 3A

Tuition Policy

Tuition for one (1) student for one (1) course is \$100 for Idaho students.; \$250 for out-of-state students. For the 2005-2006 school year, Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses are offered at a reduced fee of \$25 per semester course for Idaho students. In addition, all students will be charged a \$25 processing fee. The fee will not be reassessed for continuing students term to term but will be assessed for all non-continuing students. Summer school is separate and all students will be charged the \$25 processing fee.

All courses are paid from the district directly to the IDLA. The IDLA does not collect fees from students. Where appropriate, the district will collect fees from the student and districts will be billed for all registered students three weeks after the close of registration. See the tuition policy at: <http://idla.k12.id.us/TuitionPolicy.htm>

IDLA Courses

Courses run either nine or sixteen weeks for a semester course. Reading and homework assignments are given online, with 10 days to complete the week's work; students and teachers communicate weekly via email and discussion boards. Check out a demonstration course at <http://idla.blackboard.com>.

Courses:

- Meet Idaho State Achievement Standards and have been approved by the Idaho State Department of Education.
- Are interactive and taught by Idaho certified teachers who have participated in additional training in online instruction.
- Are delivered within a secure online environment and can be accessed any time from any place.
- Include a variety of assessment options; scheduled assignments, group and individual projects; homework and proctored tests.
- Are supported with the latest communication tools to facilitate interaction between teachers and students.
- Provide technical and content assistance.